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VIETNAMESE SUMMARY SUPPLEMENT

(Information as of 1100 EDT)

- 1. Madame Nhu is reported to have spent her secluded day yesterday discussing her strenuous US tour with her program director, Mrs. Anita Berke. According to AP, the proposed schedule has been "revised sharply," but there are no details thus far on any changes. To Ngoc Thac, a member of South Vietnam's UN observer delegation assigned to assist Mme. Nhu during her tour, explained that a proposed appearance on CBS' "Face the Nation" next Sunday was in fact out, but could not be said to have been cancelled by CBS because no invitations had been formally accepted before yesterday's planning conference.
- 2. Her father, Tran Van Chuong, speaking at the Harvard Club a few blocks from her hotel, told reporters "I certainly don't intend to see her...I am fully conscious of the harm that has been done to my country by the Diem family to which she belongs." He did express a desire, however, to see Le Thuy, his 17-year-old granddaughter who is accompanying her mother.
- 3. Audience ratings compiled during Mme. Nhu's first major TV exposure in the US, the ABC "Issues and Answers" program taped in Paris Friday and aired Sunday night, showed Madame Nhu running a poor third with only 7% of the sampling against Elizabeth Taylor's London and the story of Giant outfielder Willie Mays.
- 4. The press, digging deep for sidebar stories as Madame Nhu kept to her hotel room, noted that New York specialty stores appeared to be trying to touch off a Southeast Asian style motif with Oriental scenes and fashion advertising featuring her coiffure and almond eyes. The AP extracted an ungallant comment from a fashion designer that she would not become a lasting influence "because American women are not built small or flat enough for the likes of Mrs. Nhu's tight-fitting ao-dais."